ILLINOISANS PREFER THEIR PLATFORM.

They Are Disposed to Yield if Mr. Bryan Prefers a Specific Reiteration.

CONVENTION REPRESENTATIVES

Williams and Thompson Have Strong Fellowings for the Resolutions Committee-Views of the Delegates.

BY J. L. PICKERING, STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE REPUB-

Kansas City, Mo., July 2. The Illinois

delegation was thrown into a turnoit late this afternoon by news, declared to be direct from Lincoln and Mr. Bryan, that the leader firsteed the specific enunciation of the free silver paragraph from the Chicago platform of 36.

The Illine's State Convention last week adopted a financial plank that suits every Democrat in the State, and its delegation here is practically unanimous for it. The plank affirmed and indersed in letter and spirit every plank in the platform adopted in Chicago in 1896, and furthermore denounced the enactment of the gold standard bill by the McKinley administration in strong terms.

Illinois delegates felt that this was but a slight concession to the Democrats who did not not not with the party four years ago, but received the assurance that it was satisfactory to those who strayed from the fold. Purthermore, all are on record as favoring the Lilinois proposition.

Nevertheless, it is the judgment of most of the Illinoisans present that should Mr. Bryan ask for specific mention of the ratio through an authoritative source a majorhim, and as the delegation is instructed to vote as a unit, the forty-eight votes from Hilnois would be recorded to the affirma-

"Back" Hinrichsen is cavorting around the hotel lobbies telling people that Illine's will not stand with Bryan on the proposiwith not stand with Bryan on the proposi-tion and that not more than six States in the country will stand by him. Mr. Hin-richsen is rash to madness. His boom for McMillan flashed in the pan like the attempt to nominate Carter Harrison for Governor against the earnest protest of the man most interested, and now he has taken up the silver proposition. He will lose out

To-morrow it will be known definitely exactly what Mr. Bryan will accept, and in my judgment the Illinois delegation will be roted for it as a unit.

Convention Representatives.

Gossip on the membership from Illinois on
the Resolutions Committee is dwarfed by the discussion of the financial plank. Un-doubtedly a majority of the delegates pres-ent prefer either Congressman Williams or Judge Thompson of Jacksonville for the Resolutions Committee. The arrival in the morning of the Cook County and Northern Illinois members with 1 ols members will clear the atmosphere. and they will either concede the place to the southern part of the State or make a

There is nothing new in the mention of Carter Harrison a name for the vice prosidential nomination. Mr. Gahan persists in the statement that the Mayor will not permit the use of his name, and the outside delegations have dropped the matter unit to-morrow, and probably forever.

that could be named

Former Governor Altseld paid the New York boss a visit this afternoon in company with some friends.

"that I was glad to see indications that crat. He said that he recognized Bryan was a good chance of carrying New York. no pigmy could held that vast organization .

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so close together."

erganized and with palates craving certain fruits, the Central and Southern Illinois delegates determined to be on hand carly and exchange views and agree on something, if possible, for themselves. The idea originated at the State Convention last week in Springfield among half a dozen ars, and the result was a letter from J. W. Orr of Champaign, addressed to some country delegates. It is as follows:

"My Dear Sir: I see you have been National Convention at Kansas City from your district. After talking with number of them it was suggested at all the delegates ought to reach there early as possible, not later than Monday that all the delegates or at 2 o'clock, so as to be present at the or ganization of the delegation, as the unit rule prevails, and it was thought best that we make no promise until we meet and have a full conference, so that we may make no mistakes in our work."

The letter was signed by Mr. Orr. as a delegate, and resulted in bringing into Kansas City to-day a majority of the country delegates. Most of them took advanced ground against the claims of Car-ter Harrison for member of the Resolutions

Mr. Gahan of Cook to a member of the National Committee, and is sure to be re-elected, having received instructions from the State Convention, Mr. Hatrison, being the first on the list of delegates at large, is accorded the place of honor as chairman of the delegation, and the country delegates are carneally demanding the right to name the member on the Committee on Resolu-

The northern end of the State is not represented. Most of the delegates are sue to arrive in the morning on the train with the Cook County Democratic Marching Club, and so, after all, little is settled by the presence of those now here.

Congressman J. R. Williams of Carmi

wants the membership from the State on the Resolutions Committee, and Judge O. P. Thompson of Jacksonville is also an aspirant. There is no fight between them, only a friendly rivairy. Mr. Williams has the atrongest following this afternoon, it is safe to say a majority of the delegates prefer him for the place. The Cook County tide may change the result to-morrow forenoon. Williams's friends insist that as toremon. Williams 2 friends haist that as a Congressman he is better qualified, for he will personally know a majority of the members of the committee. This embodies the only matter of contest in the Illinois

Former Governor Altgelü made his appearance at the Coates House this morning, and while he may not be a leader in Illinois he is regarded with respect in the counsels of the National Democracy. He received calls from many of the leaders during the foreneen and pale a few visits himself.

Mr. Aligeld said he had no dealer to par-

ticipate in the deliberations of the conven-tion in an active way, but was anxious that no mistakes he made in nominating the candidate for Vice President or putting the platform together. He believes the Chicago platform's financial plank ought to be reiterated to words and figures. He asserts that the active aid of the anti-imperialists He asserts





State Senator Childers of Hickory County, Missouri, with Emmett Newton, member of the State Committee, from Springfield, en his right. The picture was taken near the Midland Hotel. -By a Staff Photographer.

"Bryan's greatest strength before the American people to-day," said he, "is in for member of the Committee on Reselu-his henesty of purpose and his sincerity, tions, said the Illinois platform suited him Thousands of people who differ with him on matters of detail support him because they believe he is honest and sincere, and if he New York w should waver in the elightest degree he would drop to the level of a trimming poli-tician, and that would be the end of him. It is this element of Bryan's character that attracts such men as Edmunds, Boutwell Schurz, Carnegie, Atkinson and other men of independent, or Republican thought who are not in line with the McKinley ideas of expansion and imperialism.

"There will be no use in our making a campaign if we trim in the least. There are several million progressive, independent caturating if we trim in the least. There are several million progressive, independent case several million progressive, independent case platform will heat suit me," declared L. F. Meek of Feoria, "and no epecific repetition of any ol delank. If we start in with one, there is no telling where we stop.

Mr. Altgeld has been tendered proxies by

Mr. Altgeld has been tendered proxies by his half a dozen friends from different sec-tions of the country, but decimed all of Croker of Tammany gave it as his opin-ten to day that Mr. Harrison would be as strong in New York as any New Yorker that could be named.

The individual delegates here to-day are firm for the Illinois platform and insist it

should satisfy any reasonable voter, including Mr. Bryan, Truman Plantz of Warsaw, O., a stanch 16-tol- Democrat four years ago, and who he was getting back into a straight line with the party, and he replied that he was a Democrat and always had been a Demoran for Coogress on the Issue, declared and had no preferences for Vice President. "Any good, strong man" would suit him. W. O'R. Bradley of Galesburg believed th as the leader this year, and was willing to have any kind of a platform Bryan wanted, and, furthermore, declared there was concerned. He did not desire the

was concerned. He did not desire the "Croker is a great big, brainy man. No little man could wield the power he does; no pigmy could held the power he does; made to the Democrats who wanted to get back into line. "The Hilnois platform," said he, "goes

gether. for the ratio and in favor of silver and Tammany.

Illinoisans' Early Arrival.

Having in mind probably the fact that the Cook County and Northern Illinois delegates always turn up to the National Convention.

Tammany.

On the tails and in favor of siver and ought to be satisfactory. My personal choice for Vice President is David Bennett Hill, but I am afraid he is not available. I have no choice, but prefer a New York man if New York can agree on the proper man." Congressman Towne won't do for Vice President and HII won't do," said former Atterney General Moloney of Ottawa. "Towns has the courage of his convictions, and Hill is a coward. I want a good enough man for Vice President to be President should Mr. Bryan de. I have no personal choice. I cannot say I indorse the Illinois platform in its entirety. I am not much of a 16-to-1 Democrat, and I would have fought the plank in convention had not been compelled to go home. I don't believe that the Illinois Democratic State Convention should have indorsed every word of the Chicago platform, in letter and in spirit. That's too strong. A mere re-affirmation of the Chicago platform is enough."

Some New Yorker Wanted.

"The Illinois platform was all right," said J. W. Orr of Champaign. "I am in favor of ladorsing the platform of 1898, and letting it go at that, and then go on with the new issues. I am for Danforth of New York for Vice President. I know him to be a strong, honest, clean man, and a Demo crat clear through."

"I don't cure for the specific ratio," said Charles M. Goiden of Minonk, "I mave nothing against the phrase, but the Illinois plat-form is strong enough for me, and I believe is acceptable to every Democrat in the State. I am for a New York man, except Hill. I am not for Hill under any careau stances. Personally, I prefer Murphy, but Suber would be autisfactory to me. 1 are against using the 16-to-1 Mil. I am not for Hill under any

"I am against using the 16-to-1 phrase in the piatform," said James K. Rardin of Charleston, editor of the News. "I am not against the proposition itself, but I can see no advantage in repeating it this year. A simple reaffirmation of the old year. A simple reaffirmation of the old platform suits me. We will have the candidate for President, and I am willing to con ceds the fellows who left us and want to come back, something in the pistform-not 00 much, but a gentle invitation that we will welcome them. For Vice President, want a straight Democrat. No Towne for ma. If Illinois has no candidate, then I am

ma. If Illinois has no candidate, then I am for a New Yorker, but not for Sulzer. I want no professional foreigner."

Charles H. Burton of Edwardsville agreed with his colleagues that the Springfield platform was the proper form for a declaration of principles, saying: "If the convention should nominate a weak man from the East for Vice President, we might want a stronger platform on the silver question. The presiding officer in the Senate should be in periect accord with the occupant of the White House, if both are elected by the same party. I would favor a man presented by the New York delegation, and if they

cannot agree, then we should come West-to Indiana, and Shively." Congressman Jetts Views. "I am decidedly in favor of a platform in line with the Springfield utterance last week," remarked Congressman Jett of Hillsboro. "In it was a strict affirmation of the Chicago platform. My constituents are satisfied with the Springfield platform, and I am in favor of any man for Vice President

who stands on the Chicago platform, I have no personal choice to express."

It was Congressman Jett who, in the Springfield convention, offered a resolution during the closing hour, instructing the del egates to the Kansas City convention to tote as a unit in carrying out in the Kansa

shows signs of "weakening" on the silver is- | in favor of standing by the utterances of his State convention Congressman Williams, who is a candidate

"On this matter of the vice presidency, if New York will take interest enough in it to present a man strong in New York and not New Yorker. Otherwise, we will have to look to some other State. I want to see the party united, and favor a conservative plat-form, but I want the real friends of Mmetallism, the men who were Democrats in 1896, to arrange the financial plank. I would not like to trust it to those who were against us four years ago."
"The general affirmation of the old Chi-

injunction plank of the platform of four years ago, and in the end we would have a platform so unwieldy and pleced up that it would not be recognized when it was sent to the voters. If New York agrees on a candidate, its choice will probably be my choice. I am very friendly to Danforth. my choice. I am very triesely to Harry L. Fornam of Compton, Lee County, declared for a conservative utterance on with the provisions of the Springfield platform, and would like to see that plank in-corporated in the national platform. He had no personal choice for Vice President,

for member of the Resolutions Commit "I am a strong 16-to-1 Democrat," warmly declared R. A. Rouse of Danville, "and would not like to see a letter or cipher eliminated from the Chicago platform here in Kansas City, and I don't care how much is added to it. I have no personal prefer-ences for Vice President, but am for the best and strongest man. Dector J. Whitney Hall of Bloomington

but was strongly for Congressman William

wired that he could not be here untinorrow morning on account of sickness is

his family. Views of Others.

Joseph M. Page, editor of the Jerseyville Democrat, professed himself exactly satts-fied with the platform adopted in Springfield last week, and prefers Danforth for

"I want a conservative platform," de-

clared former Senator Joseph W. Rickert of Waterloo. "Let it be modeled after the pattern of the Illinois pronouncement, for which all Democrats can stand. If the vice presidential nomination goes outside I imois, I prefer David B. Hill of New York "The lilinois platform suits me," said former Senator Reed Green of Cairo. "I believe there is no better or more consister free silver Democrat in the State than I lineis platform. Of course, there should be some proper additions to cover national con-siderations. Danforth is my choice for Vice

Judge B. W. Henry of Vandella, a great admirer of the Illinois platform, said: 'I don't believe we can afford to swerve a narticle from the Chicago platform, and while some may imagine the Hilmels in-trument is a swerving. I don't look at it that way. I can see no harm in using th bruse 16 to L and am not particular about it, but the Chicago platform must be in-dersed, and we must give it out that we cond on it as well as on the Kansas City platform. We cannot afford to even seem to shun the issue in the national platform, and there must be no appearance of waver ing on it. I am for a candidate for Vice President who is in harmony with the prin-ciples of the party, and would rather have an Eastern man. If one cannot be found,

President.

an Eastern man, it one cannot be lound, then Shively would do me."

Mr. Reith and Mr. Brookings are expect-ed late this evening or eitly in the morn-ing. The illinois delegation will be called together in calcus to-morrow afternoon or evening, probably in the afternoon, Mr. Gahan will call it to order.

HOPKINS FOLLOWS CROKER. Will Follow Mr. Bryan's Wishes in

Every Way. BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kansas City, Mo., July 2-Information of a reliable character comes to me late tonight that John P. Hopkins of Chicago, a leader in the gold movement for Chicago, has given a pledge to champion or advocare anything that Bryan may desire this year. He is in precisely the same position

as Mr. Croker.

Should the issue be made in the delega-tion to-morrow of 16 to 1 or mere affirma-tion of the Chicago platform and Mr. Bryan desires the former, Mr. Hopkins will, I am assured, promptly advocate the 16 to 1 proposition.

Carter Barrison and Ben Cable would probably follow the Springfield platform proposition. Mr. Perkins could bring with him probably three to five delegates from Cook County, and these, with the Central and Southern Illinois delegates whose constituents naturally favor a specific declaration, would insure a safe majority of the delegation. I use the word "prefer" advisedly, for they are now entirely satisfied with the Illinois platform pronouncement. This action of Hopkins would revolutionate the Democratic leadership in the State and place him at the head of the Bryan phalans, a condition that sounds like a fairy story. Harrison and Ben Cable would I repeat that my authority is reliable! J. L. PICKERING.

SOUTHERN MEN ARE CONCILIATORY.

Disposed to Help Prospects of Vic tory by Not Splitting

TEXANS ARE ON THE WAY.

Arkansas Delegation Also Is Yet to Come-Alabama Men Receive Callers-Senator Daniel's Views.

BY W. S. DANIELS.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE REPUB Kansas City, Mo., July 2.-The majority of the Alabama delegation missed train connections in the South this morning, and only a few of them have yet appeared at their quarters in the Baltimore Hotel. Robert J. Lowe was the only delegate-atlarge to get in town to-day, and he brought reports that Senator Morgan probably will not be able to attend the convention because of sitant lilness. F. S. White, T. C. Banks, W. R. Richardson, C. L. Higginson and J. W. Temlinson accompanied Mr. Lowe, and on their arrival were met by National Committee an Clayton, who informed them fully of the latest developments in the attuation. Shortly after their arrival they were visited by the four delegaces at large from Nebraska, who invited them to a banquet to be given to-morrow night by the Nebraskans. All the

Alabama men were included in the invi-tation, which was accepted promptly in their behalf by Mr. Lowe.

A number of Pennsylvania delegates also called at the Alabama headquarters, and in an informal way the silver plank of the platform was discussed. The Pennsylvanians said that they favored a general reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. Although the Alabama men could not speak for the entire delegation, it developed that there is a readiness in that body to adopt such phraseology as would be most ac-ceptable to all the Democracy, providing

vital principles were not sacrificed.

The Alabama men will caucus at 1 o'clock to-morrow for members of convention committees. It is practically settled that Representative Chayton will succeed himself as National Committeeman, and Senator Morgan, if he is able to attend, probably will on the Resolutions Committee; and in go on the Resolutions Committee, and in his absence, it is likely that Mr. Lowe will

Arkansus and Texas. The Arkansas delegates have not yet reached the city, nor have the Texans. Both

these delegations have wired to have their quarters in readiness early in the morning. heir rooms have been put is order and corations provided for their headquarters. The Arkansana will be at the Midland, and the Texans at the Washington. Early tomorrow they are expected to be on the ground, and with their arrival the main body of the State delegations will be ready for the final preliminaries, and the actual work of the convention,

The Arkansas mes will caucus soon after their arrival. Their delegates-at-large include four unusually strong and prominent Democrats. Two of them are United States Senators and a third is the prospective Governor of the State. This will insure strong men upon the various commertee from Arkansas, and the State, no will have a good deal of weight in deciding the language of the platform, especially if Senator Jenes, the chairman of the Nat-ional Committee, is put on the Resolutions

generally are very moderate and clearly in-dicate a desire to harmonize slight differ-ences and reach such action, both as to the platform and the candidate for second place, as will insure success next November. The tenor of their talk is unity and harmony. Being perfectly confident of carrying their own States for the national ticket, these Southern leaders generally desire to concede a point, wherever it can be done cor elstently, if so doing will strengthen the Democracy in other portions of the coun-

Senator Daniel Arrives.

This general sentiment was expressed very well to-day by Senator Daniel of Virginta, who heads the delegation from that Mr. Daniel has served twelve years in the Senate, and during that time been one of the ablest and most effective of the free silver advocates in that body.

"In my judgment," sald Senator Dantel "the path of moderation is the path of wisdom. You may expaniate upon that all you please. We want harmony in the conv. tion, and we want success this fall. Speak ing for myself, and I think for my associ ates from Virginia as well, the convention eration, and in so doing it will act with

The Senator then briefly disposed of the complimentary mention of his name for the vice presidency, which has been heard quite freely in the East recently.

"I am not a candidate," said he, post-tively. "Virginia has no special candidate, although in a general way I think our delegates incline to an Eastern man, with strong, able man, in every way qualified to fill the presidency if called upon to do so." The majority of the Virginia delegates will not arrive until to-morrow morning Representative P. J. Otey, who is National Committeeman for the State, as well as one of the best story-tellers and imitators in the Old Dominion, arrived this morning. Mr. Otey was a member of the special committee which reported the World's Fair bill, and helped St. Louis in many indirect ways, notwithstanding the strain it must have put upon his constitutional

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Doubtful States' Attitude.

The delegations from States less certain ly Democratic do not show the same spirit of concillation and barmony. Generally they demand a moderate statement of the silver coinage policy in the platform, and the West Virginians insist that a good form would be: "We reaffirm the principles declared in and insist on the remedies proposed by the Chicago platform of 1896."

The West Virginia men took possession of their quarters at the Coates this morn-ing. John T. McGraw is expected to suc-ceed himself as National Committeeman, although there is a friendly rivalry tween him and J. B. Taney, editor of Wheeling Register. Accompanying the delegates were about fifty ladies and gentlemen from the State, among them Miss Mary Burke, who is a very creditable writer and crator, and will make speeches for Bryan throughout the State this fail. The West Virginia delegation is a unit in opposition to reiteration of the is to I ratio.
The members prefer Hill for second place, but say that Danforth would be satis-

factory as an alternative.

Mr. McGraw said emphatically: "We are opposed not only to a specific restatement of the ratio, but also will antagonize reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. We do not know that we can accomplish much, but regardless of the desires of any man shall resist such a declaration in the plat-

Mr. St. Clair, who will be on the Resolutions Committee, said; "We are not domi-nated by any man, but shall contend for what the Democracy of our State believe is right. I shall, in committee, make every honorable effort to get inserted in the platform such an expression in regard to ell-ver as our delegation desire. We are pos-litively opposed to a declaration for free coinage at 16 to 1. Quite likely we may be defeated, but we shall make the fight and will have other strong mer on the com-mittee assisting us."

FIGHT ON STONE BY STEPHENS AND PHELPS.

They Immediately Begin Working Vigorously Against Him for the Committee on Resolutions.

His Plan to Have M. C. Wetmore Succeed Him on the National Committee-State Committee Meetings-Missourians Call on Richard Croker.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE RE-

Kansas City, Mo., July 2.-The Missouri delegates began to arrive early this morning. They kept it up all day, and if noses

have been properly counted, the degelation is practically ail on the spot.
Governor Stephens came in on the fast mail from Jefferson City this morning.
Colonel Dave Ball and W. H. Phelps, the other delegates-at-large, came in early. Governor Stephens secured quarters at the Midland, and all morning he was sought by delegations from other States, as well as the Missouri crowd present. A big badge announcing his position as chairman of the Reception Committee was pinned on his coat, and the Governor endeavored to extend as warm a greeting as possible to all the visitors. He was busy all day shaking

hands with the crowd in the lobby of the than to outside visitors.

Among the delegates now in the city are John Carroll of Unionville, John Knott of Hannibal, W. D. Leeper of Chillicothe, Doctor Haley of Line, C. A. Rivley of Clinton County, S. N. Wilson of Latayette, W. A. Shelton of Henry, T. J. Delaney of Spring-field, John J. Burke and J. P. Sweeney of St. Louis.

Quite a number of the alternates are also

As yesterday, National Committeeman W. J. Stone was a busy man. Resides attend-ing meetings of the National Committee he was still traking desperate attempts to pro-vide tickets for his Missouri friends. His collar was wilted to the band and the long lock of hair on his forehead hung over with greater persistence. Fight on Stone.

The fight on the former Governor to prevent him from taking a seat in the Com mittee on Resolutions began in earnest this morning. Stone's friends urge that it is morning. Stone's friends urge that it is logical to give him the position. This is denied by the opposition, which is conducted by Governor Stephens and Colonel Phelps.

The contest is growing exceedingly trop-ical, and outside delegations are beginning to take an interest in the matter.

It is understood that Governor Stone is desirous that Coloinel M. C. Wetmere of St. Louis should succeed him on the National Committee. It is urged that he will make a strong member on account of his friendship for W. J. Bryan.

It the Stone forces can succeed in ac-complishing this change they propose to put the former Governor on the Resolutions Committee, and that this would be the only honor asked by him at the hands of

the delgates.

The opposition to Stone will not concede this. They deciare that he should be satisfied with re-election to the National Committee, and that he should not attempt to dictate his successor.

Governor Stephens said yesterday after-

noon: "I do not think Governor Stone can ask for everything. I am for him for Na-tional Committeeman, and I presume all fhe other delegates are. I do not think he should be placed on the Committee on Reselutions. There are a large number of good for the bomocrats on the delegation, and I think the bonors should be as evenly divided as he will possible." possible. The anti-Stone delegates held a

pesterday morning and made up the slate for the various positions afterwards: For National Committeeman, W. J. Stone; chairman of the delegation, Governor Stephens member Committee on Resolutions, D. A. Ball; member of committee to notify nominee for President, W. D. Leeper Their plans have not been fully formu-

lated as yet. A caucus was held this morn-ing, and another one late to-night. The opposition asserts that twenty votes have been secured to put this slate through when the delegates caucus in the morning. Colonel Nick Bell and Sam B. Cook were busy this afternoon interviewing delegates in the interest of Mr. Stone. They also cau-

cussed with the former Governor's friends on the delegation several times in the afternoon. While they will not admit that the situation is at all serious to Mr. Stone's in terests the question as to whether the for-mer Governor will try to have Colonel Wetmore made National Committeeman in his stead remains unsettled.

If the contest becomes too warm, Mr.

Stone will again assume his place on the National Committee, which he can have without opposition, as the delegates as instructed for him.

State Committee Meets. The Democratic State Committee held meeting this morning at the Midland He meeting this morning at the Midiand Ho-tel. Among the members present were Bradford of Putnam, Wagner of Scotland, Conkling of Carroll, T. J. Lysaght of Bu-chanan, Auli of Lafayette, Walsh of Kansas City, L. S. Hickman of Johnson, New ton of Greene, Secretary Harry Edwards o Cole, E. A. Glenn of Pike, Henry Quel mals, Ernest Marshall, T. B. Barrett and W. J. Flynn, all of St. Louis, Gilbert Barbee of Jasper and M. T. Davis of Lawrence. A committee consisting of Virgil Conk-ling, E. A. Gienn and M. T. Davis was appointed by Frank Waish, who was acting chairman in place of Mr. Siebert, for the purpose of calling upon National

teeman Stone to ascertain how the tickets to the convention would be distributed and how many Missouri would receive. The committee adjourned until 2 o'clock when another session was held to hear the when another session was need to hear the report. Mr. Conkling announced that Gov-ernor Stone had stated that some few tick-ets had been allotted to Missouri and that tee, to the State candidate, to the Congress men and to the congressional districts, Mr. Cenkling said that Mr. Stone would not slate how many tickets he had at his dis-posal, but would tell them to-night or in the

morning.

The committee was continued, with instructions to see Mr. Stone and report at meeting to be held at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Midiand Hotel. The State Committee went into executive

session to consider the appointment of a Campaign Committee. A resolution was adopted to empower the chairman to select a committee of seven, including himself and the secretary of the committee. A communication from Chairman Selbert

announced the selection of Frank Waish of Kansas City as a member of the Committee of Three, including the chairman and secretary, to select headquarters in St. Louis. Call on Croker.

The members of the State Committee called upon Richard Croker, the leader of Tammany Hall. They were escorted without ceremony into the lair of the "Tiger" on the fourth floor of the Midland and in-

on the fourth noor of the salahad and in-troduced by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Newton. Mr. Dockery accompanied the party, as did Colonel R. P. Williams and other Mis-Mr. Conkling, who acted as spokesman, announced that the Missourians were pres-ent to find out what Mr. Croker would do for them in the way of tickets. The Tam-many chief smiled at the request, and the entire party laughed heartily at the apstarted to talk. He walked up to the table The Missourians gathered around him in order to hear more distinctly, as Mr. Croker

expected.

"New York would like to have a simple reaffirmation of the Chicago platform," said he. "We do not care for a specific ratio. If the Western people desire a 16 to 1 plank in the platform, New York will abide by the decision and support the ticket.

The Kansas delegation was clamoring to get into the room and the Missourians withdrew. Mr. Creker recognized Mr. Dockery, having known him in Washington. He greeted him with much warmth, and congratulated him upon his nomination for Governor of Missouri.

Missourians Arriving

The members of the Missouri delegation In Congress are beginning to drop in Midland.

Colonel Phelps showed up as bright as a Clark, M. E. Benton, John Dougherty, J. freshly-minted coin. He publi more attention massibly to the Missouri delegation. They were greeted by many of their Control of the control o gressional acquaintances who are present from other States.

Mr. Duckery was much sought after. Quite a number of distinguished men called upon him at his headquarters in the Midland to-day. Among them were Senator Allen of Nebraska, Senator Harris of Kan-sas, Representative J. R. Williams of Illinois National Republican Committeeman R. C. Kerens of Missouri, who arrived on the Roosevelt special train; Senator W. A. the Roosevelt special train; Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, Governor J. Walker Smith of Maryland, former Representative J. W. Miles of Maryland and former Representative McDonald of Minnesota. Nearly all of them recounted former experiences they had in Washington while Mr. Dockery was in Congress.

Colonel R. P. Williams, nomines for State Treasurer on the Demogratic ticket, and

Treasurer on the Democratic ticket, and Captain Albert O. Allan, nominee for State Auditor, arrived in the city, and are takskirmishing. A number of prominent party leaders from over the State are also in the dty, Amons them are: C. C. Dickinson and Peyton Parks of Henry County, W. M. Bowker of Nevada, Mike Moran of St. Jee, J. E. Behart of Clinton County, T. O. Towies of Jefferson City, and J. C. Rule of Springfully.

To Caucus This Morning. The Missouri delegates will hold a cau cus to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the headquarters, at which time it will be or-ganized for convention work. Former Governor Stone will call the caucus to order. The meeting will not be executive unless something should develop in the meantime. The headquarters were thronged yester-day with visitors, who greatly admire the decorations. The big silver eagle over the door attracts universal attention.

door attracts universal attention.

Webster Davis, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Interior under Hitchcock, and once the administration orator, was in the lebby of the Baitimore this afternoon, shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Davis is acquainted with many Missouri Democrats, and he was warmly greeted. He will appear before the Committee on Resolutions of the convention and urge a strong expression of sympathy on behalf of the Boers. His heart seems to be wrapped up. Boers. His heart seems to be wrapped up in the cause, and he speaks of them with fervid earnestness. It is still asserted that he will take the stump for Bryan if the Boer plank is adopted. He still refuses to

W. Jeff Pollard arrived this morn ing with the St. Louis contingent now on the ground, and, after registering at the Centropolis, immediately started out active canvass to secure a ple chief reading cierk of the convention. Pe hard is the pessessor of a magnificent, ro-tund voice whose tones can easily be heard throughout the largest conventithe country. His enunciation is clear and distinct, and he has served with credit as reading clerk at national conventions ar has a wide acquaintance among the dele gates and party leaders, and he confident of election to the position.

Missouri's Attitude The Missouri delegation, with probably one or two exceptions, is united in sup-port of any candidate New York may elect. Who this candidate may be, providing he is a good Democrat and will stand squarely on the platform, makes no difference.

The Missourians are simply taking the lead of a number of Western States that

Their position on the question of the sr cific declaration of 16 to 1 ratio is not yet fully determined, although there seems to be a general sentiment among them for a reaffirmation of the platform, if that will suffice for Mr. Bryan. Colonel Phelps declares he is for the 16 to

the majority. the majority.

"It makes no particular difference, that I can see," said he to-day, "unless they provoke a fight on a specific declaration. This, of course, will create a strong sentiment among our delegates, I think, for the ratio to be specified. This will be my position."

Colonel John I. Martin and his able assistant, Captain Young, are probably the busiest men in the city. Mr. Martin, as sergeant-at-arms, must necessarily appease everybody who wants to get into the hall. It's a gigantic undertaking, but with the

assistance of Captain Young he has so far guided the bark without accident or ad-verse comment. Diplomacy is needed there, and the quantity seems to be sufficient. Chairman James Jump of the Democratic Traveling Men's Club is in the city with a score of members of the club. Mr. Jum; will appear before the Committee on Resolutions and urge a plank for the platform indorsing the St. Louis World's Pair.

Stone Recedes.

Governor Stone will recede from the po-sition for a simple reaffirmation of the Ch cago platform and submit to the wishes of Mr. Bryan for a specific declaration for ratio of 16 to 1. This statement was made by S. B. Cook to-night after a conference had been held with several of the ex-Governor's friends. Mr. Stone was fatigued having been on his feet almost constant! for the last two days, and was forced to retire early. Mr. Cook, on behalf of Mr. Stone, also made the statement that Mr. Stone would not ask to be re-elected Na-tional Committeeman from Missouri, but would suggest the name of Colonel M. C. Wetmore of St. Louis for that position. Mr. Cook said:

"Mr. Stone is willing to submit to the wishes of Mr. Bryan in the matter of a specific declaration for 16 to 1. If he thinks necessary, Mr. Stone will stand by that roposition. He has no particular interest in the matter, except the party's interest and he is willing to subserve his own ideas to that end.
"At a conference of Democrats who have

no personal interests to subserve, it was thought best for the interest of the party in the State and in the nation that Colonel Wetmere be made National Committeeman. The reasons are manifest because of his unselfish sid to the Democratic cause, It was also thought that Mr. Stone ought to entire party laughed heartily at the apparent strait of Missouri in this emergency.

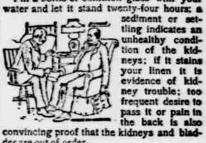
Mr. Croker seemed glad to see the Missourians, and when one of the members of the State Committee said it was a pleasure to see the "Bess of Tammany Hall," Mr. Croker said, "Oh, Tammany is not so had as it is painted sometimes."

Before they left the room Mr. Croker

The reasons are manned to the Democratic cause. It was also thought that Mr. Stone ought to be made a member of the Committee on the delegation on these propositions, and those who are back of the movement have only the welfare of the party at heart.

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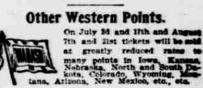
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proval of the delegates is left for that body to determine."

Anti-Stone State.

At the conference the following were pre-ent: H. W. Salmon of Clinton, C. C. Dick-inson and Peyton Parks of Clinton, Doctor-Gore of Saline, Sam B. Cook, A. A. Le-sueur, Virgil Conkling and Scott Miller of Chillicothe.

The anti-Stone faction had a caucus the caucus were John H. Carroll, W. H. Phelps, Lon V. Stephens and one or two delegates. After the caucus was over it was announced that the slate would be made up with Governor Stephens as chairman of the delegation. Dave Ball for Committee on Resolutions, Tom Delaney for Committee on Credentials and W. D. Leeper to notify the

President.

The opposition to Governor Stone claims twenty votes. There may be a defection from their ranks before the caucus is held to-morrow. They declare that W. D. Leeper is with them. In conversation with The Republic correspondent to-night he declared that he would support Stone for member of the Committee on Resolutions. This vite may alter the complexion of things to a considerable extent when the votes are counted to-morrow. The anti-Stone men counted to-morrow. The anti-Stone men are confident of victory and declare that the ex-Governor will be permitted to retain his seat on the National Committee and

SHELDON NOT A CANDIDATE. Topeka Minister Does Not Want United Christian Nomination.

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